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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 562
By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Hendersonville High School Cheerleaders and their coaches, Betty West and Christy Brown.

WHEREAS, at the heart of any successful athletic program is a strong cheerleading squad and, thus, this General Assembly was proud to learn of the exceptional accomplishments of the Hendersonville High School Cheerleaders; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary Hendersonville High School Cheerleaders put on several highly impressive performances at the school's football games during the 1999 season and continue to dazzle audiences during the basketball season; and

WHEREAS, the talented squad gave an outstanding performance at the UCA Summer Camp at Tennessee Tech in June 1999, placing first in the Cheer, Dance and Extreme Routine Competitions; and

WHEREAS, the four senior members of the 14-member squad, Elizabeth Hawkins, Kristen O'Donohoe, Lauren Anderson and Tara Garrison, captured All-Star honors at Tennessee Tech UCA Cheerleading Camp; and

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WHEREAS, they also achieved top honors in the Team America Individual Competition at WCA Nationals with Lauren Anderson and Tara Garrison placing in the Top Ten, in addition to Elizabeth Hawkins and Kristen O'Donahoe becoming finalists; and

WHEREAS, the Hendersonville High School Cheerleading Squad demonstrated their superb skills at the Back-to-School Competition at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) on September 11, 1999, by placing first in the medium varsity division; and

WHEREAS, also at MTSU, the squad was the runner-up in the medium varsity division at the TSSAA State Championship Contest on November 6, 1999, before advancing to the national competition; and

WHEREAS, after countless hours of practice and remarkable dedication to their sport, the Hendersonville High School Cheerleaders placed first in the nation in the medium varsity division at the WCA Championships on December 30, 1999; and

WHEREAS, this special event took place before thousands of fans in Nashville at the Opryland Hotel during the weekend of December 29-30, 1999; and

WHEREAS, they had also distinguished themselves in previous years by winning three consecutive championships in 1997, 1998, and 1999; and

WHEREAS, their highly regarded head coach, Betty West, has carefully molded the natural talent of the team into a winning combination; and

WHEREAS, the Hendersonville High School Cheerleading Squad is also blessed with their praiseworthy assistant coach, Christy Brown; and

WHEREAS, the fourteen memorable members of this incredible team include: seniors, Captain Elizabeth Hawkins; Co-captain Kristen O'Donohoe; Lauren Anderson; and Tara Garrison; juniors, Bethani Bratten; Cassie Davies; Lindsay Schemmel; and Allison Smiley; and sophomores, Mandi Gentry; Ken-Shirl Johnson; Paige Lindley; Bethany Smith; Jennifer Terry; and Chelsea Watson; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize this exemplary cheerleading squad; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Head Coach Betty West, Assistant Coach Christy Brown, and the Hendersonville High School Cheerleaders upon capturing first place at the 1999 World Cheerleading Association National Championships and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.